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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-10 and 17 are elected without traverse.

Claims 1-10 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1 lines 11-13, the phrase "two or more partitioned intermediate metal layers that are partitioned the intermediate metal layer inside the connection area" is unclear or erroneous or non-idiomatic and does not make sense. Claim 17 is incomplete in that the elements or features are not recited in the claim and should be incorporated into the claim.

Claims 1-10 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ohmi et al., Buynoski, Sato et al., and Tottori teach various multilevel wiring structures but do not teach the claimed invention regarding the multiple wiring layer including the connection having the partitioned intermediate metal layers and the intermediate metal wiring area as delineated.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Quach whose telephone number is 703-308-1096. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F from 9 to 5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Olik Chaudhuri, can be reached on (703) 306-2794. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-308-7722.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.

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